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Ravi K presents Budget to win "economic war"

(FT.lk) - Finance Minister Ravi Karunanayake suggested that the purpose of the 2017 Budget, presented yesterday in Parliament, was to win the "economic war" to accelerate growth and social inclusion. According to Karunanayake, the 2017 Budget, the second by the coalition government, offers "relief to the people but also pays the way for sustainable growth." As per a preliminary assessment, the

2017 Budget has endeavoured to please all sectors of the economy or most of it and all segments of society. There are many giveaways and support but also proposals which negate such benefits. The private sector's initial response was "positive" or "good" but the 2017 Budget will come under further scrutiny today and over the weekend, which will result in a more accurate assessment. Taking longer this year to present the

Budget in Parliament, where President Maithripala Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe were present, Karunanayake said: "The need of the hour is an economic, social and environmental transformation ensuring a better tomorrow for all Sri Lankans. A national development strategy to build a green and innovation-based economy through progressive reforms will ensure a better future for the children of the country and

particularly for the educated younger generation." Before presenting far-reaching expenditure and revenue proposals, including new taxes and increases in major taxes, the Finance Minister assured the House the Government would formulate a cohesive policy to facilitate an equitable and inclusive level of social development in Sri Lanka. **SEE P12**

Lankan carrom team take men's team title at World Championship

(DailNews.lk) - The Sri Lanka men's carrom team won the men's team title while the women's team emerged runners-up of the women's team event at the Seventh World Carrom Championship worked off in Birmingham, England on Saturday and

Sunday. 23 countries took part in this tournament. Sri Lanka's Chamil Cooray won a gold medal in the men's singles while bronze in the same was won by Nishantha Fernando. The champions men's team comprised Chamil

Cooray, Nishantha Fernando, Mohamed Shaheed and M. Sherfideen while the women's team consisted of Joseph Roshita, Chalani Lakmali, Yasika Rahubadda and Ayesha Wickramasinghe. They were received on their arrival at the

Katunayake International Airport by Chief Minister of Western Province Isuru Devapriya.



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Newham's Duke of Edinburgh's Award work given royal seal of approval

The achievements of Newham's Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Awards was celebrated last Thursday (Thursday 10 November) with a special visit by HRH The Earl of Wessex. Cllr Lakmini Shah was instrumental in getting the Earl to visit the Borough. The Earl attended a special event at the Old Town Hall, Stratford attended by the Mayor of Newham, Sir Robin Wales and 24 DofE participants including pupils from Rokeyby, Lister and Sarah Bonnell schools and Brampton Manor Academy. HRH The Earl of Wessex, a DofE Trustee and Gold Award holder, visited the borough as part of a national tour to celebrate the Diamond Anniversary of the charity which provides young people aged 14-24 the unique opportunity to gain valuable life experience while developing essential employability skills. He is also promoting the Diamond Challenge, a one-off initiative for people of all ages to take on a DofE inspired challenge and earn a limited-edition DofE Diamond Challenge pin. The council's mayoral adviser for domestic and family violence, Councillor Lakmini Shah, the Deputy Lieutenant for Newham, Mr John Barber, and the DofE Regional Director, Peter Fleet, also attended the event. Since 1980, more than 2,500 Newham young people have achieved a Bronze, Silver or Gold DofE award. In 2015/2016 alone, 725 youngsters signed up to take part in the scheme - a 127 per cent increase on those signing up the year before. During this period, seven people completed their Gold awards, 49 their Silver and 64 their Bronze. Since 1 April this year, five people have completed their Gold award, four people their silver and 57 people their Bronze. During his visit, HRH heard about the experiences of some of Newham's young people who have undertaken the scheme. **SEE P4**



The Earl of Wessex presenting to Cllr Lakmini Shah the first Diamond Challenge Pin in Newham Borough

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